

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: ASSESSMENT ALLOCATION RULES	DOCKET NO. RMU-01-13
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ORDER SETTING ORAL COMMENT HEARING

(Issued February 15, 2002)

On December 14, 2001, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order commencing the rulemaking in this docket regarding amendments to 199 IAC Chapter 17, the Board's assessment allocation rules. In the notice of intended action attached to the order, the Board stated it would determine whether an opportunity for oral presentation should be provided after reviewing the written statements of position submitted by the public. Based upon the public comment received, the Board has determined that an opportunity for oral presentation is appropriate.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Pursuant to Iowa Code § 17A.4(1)(b) (2001), an opportunity for oral presentation is hereby scheduled for Friday, April 19, 2002, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Board Hearing Room, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.
2. The Executive Secretary is directed to submit for publication in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin a notice in the form attached to and incorporated by reference in this order.

3. Persons requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Board at (515) 281-5256 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Sharon Mayer
Executive Secretary, Assistant to

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 15th day of February, 2002.

UTILITIES DIVISION [199]

Notice of Opportunity for Oral Presentation

On December 14, 2001, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order in Docket No. RMU-01-13, In re: Assessment Allocation Rules. The Board proposed to rescind the rules in 199—Chapter 17, "Assessments," and to adopt new rules in lieu thereof. The rules in chapter 17 describe and implement the method the Board uses to assess expenses incurred by the Board and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice on utilities and other parties as authorized by Iowa Code chapter 476 and section 475A.6. The proposed rules are intended to implement the changes to the Board's assessment allocation authority in Iowa Code section 476.10 as amended by 2001 Iowa Acts, chapter 9, section 1. In addition, the proposed rules are intended to clarify, correct, and update policy where needed, and to put assessment methods the Board used in two dockets pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.101(10) (2001) into rule form.

The notice of intended action regarding the proposed rules was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on January 9, 2002, ARC 1279B. Based on the public comment received on the proposed rules, the Board has determined that an opportunity for oral presentation is appropriate. On February 15, 2002, the Board issued an order setting an opportunity for oral presentation for Friday, April 19, 2002, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Board Hearing Room, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069. Persons requiring assistive services or devices to observe or

participate should contact the Board at (515) 281-5256 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

February 15, 2002

/s/ Diane Munns

Diane Munns

Chairman